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Success Begins With A Person's Will ....

Frank Walton -Director of Business Operations for The Salvation Army.

Frank Walton is the Director of Business Operations for The Salvation Army. He has served in this position for 2.5 years. Before his stint with the Army, Mr. Walton worked for Corporate America for 25 years. Currently Mr. Walton oversees all aspects of business, finance, human relations, social services, fundraising, and public relations for The Salvation Army.

On top of all that, Mr. Walton is the President of the Seattle Area Gospel Announcers Guild. He also runs his own business called Financial Christian Services. He is an authorized retailer and trainer/consultant for Power Church Software. This is a company for churches and non-profit organizations.This company provides software and financial consulting services that enables effective Church management, financial processes, ministry needs, improve outreach, identify congregational needs, and improve administrative efficiency.

Many people also know Frank Walton for his distinguished voice as a disc jockey on 1560 KZIZ. He has a gospel show every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mr. Walton oversees a truly amazing organization, the Salvation Army. It is obvious that the Salvation Army provides a priceless service to the most needy of our community. Without The Army, there would be many families that truly have no place to go or turn to for help. Mr. Walton does an integral part in running The Army. With his guidance, The Army is stronger and plays a big role in providing assistance to needy families and people in our community. Many people and families will continue to at least have one place that they can turn to for help and assistance in their time of need.

Mr. Walton told me that Dr. Maxine Mimms is a role model he looks up to when he thinks about success. Mr. Walton told us, "The Salvation Army will continue to be the light at the end of the tunnel for many people. Many people come when they have exhausted all other resources. I am proud to be a service to our community." Mr. Walton does read The Tacoma Facts regularly. In fact, during this interview he asked if the paper could be delivered to The Army on a regular basis. The Tacoma Facts is happy to fulfill that request. We are honored that such a great community asset reads our newspaper. So if you are in a giving mood, call the Salvation Army and find out how you can help. Even if you have no money, but you would like to volunteer your time, you can call The Salvation Army. There are lots of volunteer opportunities for people who are looking to help out the needy. While you are there,thank Mr. Walton for making the Salvation Army stronger, therefore strengthening our community.

By Josh Reisberg

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From My Pen ....

Dennis Beaver - Publisher / Editor

I Shall Past This Way But Once...

"I shall past this way but once, therefore any good that I can do or any kindness that I can show let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again."

This powerful 33 word phrase is words that my father, the honorable Fitzgerald Redd Beaver lived by. I read this phrase often, and it brings me great joy to be able to say that my father fulfilled every word.

*I shall past this way but once – we were born into this world once, we only have one body, mind and soul

Therefore any good that I can do or any kindness that I can show let me do it now- treat people the way that you want others to treat you, R-E-S-P-E-C-T, LOVE and honor people, except that every person has flaws and there is no one that is perfect. Give a helping hand to those who are really in need.

*For I shall not pass this way again-Out of this life we must go, we all will leave this world one day. Make an everlasting impression that people will never forget the changes that you have made in your community, on your job, in your church, in the schools, let your light shine everywhere that you go.

*In this life there are no guarantees, some exceptions and many maybes. Give people their flowers while they can smell and enjoy them. Don't wait until their dead and in their grave to present them with flowers and to tell someone how much you love and appreciate them. Give them kudos while they are living. Don't weep about what you should of, would of or could have done. Why put off tomorrow the things that you can do today? Tomorrow is not guaranteed to anyone. Live, love and laugh..

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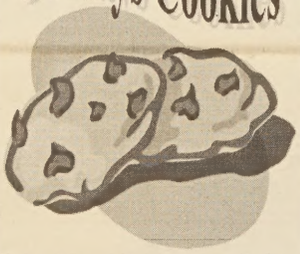

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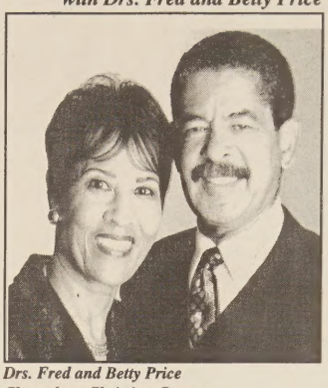

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The Mark Is Fellowship

Bishop Beverly Jean Willis

Bishop Beverly Jean Willis is uniquely peculiar. Yes, I know that may sound somewhat extreme and redundant, but she is what she is! This dynamic, wise and prophetic instrument of God has never had a normal, predictable or average lifestyle. And as expected, her rise towards the destiny God placed on her life has been equally unique. She came from a dark place of hopelessness to teaching the lost on an international level that, through the Spirit, they wait for the hope of righteousness. She can easily recall her doped out, lifeless, weary nights while admonishing the fellowship of pastors she leads to retreat and get rest to remain effective ministers. And the twin who was the 'nervous weepy one' now freely moves around the globe with joy, boldly planting new churches as easy as fresh flowers in the back porch planter.

Bishop Willis came to minister to West Coast church leaders and their pastors in the Liberty Ministry Fellowship hosted by Pastor Herman T. Clark and Destination Christian Center. She has targeted growth to the leaders through the theme, "Pressing toward the Mark". The LM Fellowship, a directive God gave Bishop Willis to found, is made up of independent pastors who have joined together for training, association and accountability as they lead the lost to Christ. Bishop Willis' commitment of availability to the Fellowship churches is great and full of integrity. She speaks to the inner and sometimes lonely places within leaders/pastors who have limited places to acknowledge their human frailties. She models safety in the Spirit and Power in Obedience to the Word of God. She insists that leadership seek opportunities to be servants on a regular basis. And as Proverbs states "iron sharpens iron, she contemporizes that "only eagles can teach eagles to soar". Clearly, Bishop Willis is obediently aiming towards the Mark for the High calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Celebrating Our Music

Mrs. Judy Neal,
Church / Gospel Editor - The Tacoma Facts

My research determines that this **June** will be the 27th year of the official celebration of Black Music. Black Music Month was proclaimed so by certified gatekeepers, The International Association of African American Music, and happily supported by the multi-billion dollar industry that knew the focus was well-deserved. I like that it occurs within the same month I grew up in Texas celebrating big time – Juneteenth! This significantly Black Holiday for Texans and a few others in the south who didn't get the 1863 memo about emancipation for about 2 ½ years has always had exciting festivities. Fo sho' food and music was the order of the day, so why not feature the world's appreciation on the most history-making sound ever within this month too? Black people created so many genres of music that it challenged the wordsmiths and vocabulary authors for 4 centuries. Think about what a challenge it must have been to define the word 'Jazz' or the 'Blues'. Of course, 'Rap', 'Rock & Roll', 'Soul', 'Hip-Hop' and 'Underground' might have been easier. But, the sounds were so uniquely representative of our vibe, lifestyle, language and flow, that they commanded special attention. And then there was the 'Gospel' – often imitated, but never duplicated. It has evolved so much that it has over 14 categories all by itself in an effort to keep up with its goal to be effective in ministry. Whatever it's called…it's still the good news. Pick some up today and definitely during Black Music Month when the new projects will dropping 'cause they are hot!

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"The sooner the stroke is recognized and the patient begins receiving treatment, the better are the chances for a complete recovery," said John R. Marler, M.D., associate director for clinical trials at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). "Stroke is an unmistakable event. Few other medical conditions come on so suddenly or are so noticeable to a bystander."

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted. Brain cells die when deprived of oxygen and nutrients provided by blood. Because stroke injures the brain, a person having the stroke may not realize what is happening. But, to a bystander the signs of a stroke are distinct:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg (especially on one side of the body)
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause

Each year more than 600,000 Americans suffer a stroke. It is the third leading cause of death and long-term disability in the U.S. Yet, many Americans do not know the symptoms of a stroke or what to do when they witness someone having a stroke.

The NINDS, part of the National Institutes of Health, has developed an informational campaign called Know Stroke: Know the Signs. Act in Time to educate Americans about the symptoms of stroke. Free campaign materials may help more people understand stroke and be able to take action if they suffer from or witness someone having a stroke.

"It is really worth the effort it takes to call 911," said Dr. Marler. "Treating stroke as an emergency pays back in terms of going home and living your life."

More information on stroke, including how to reduce the risk of stroke, is available in the NINDS materials.

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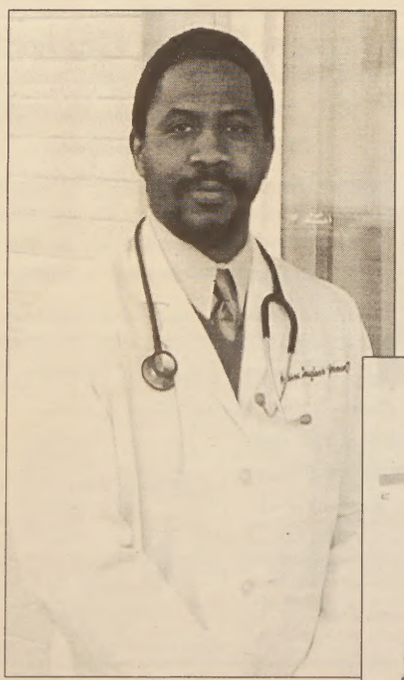

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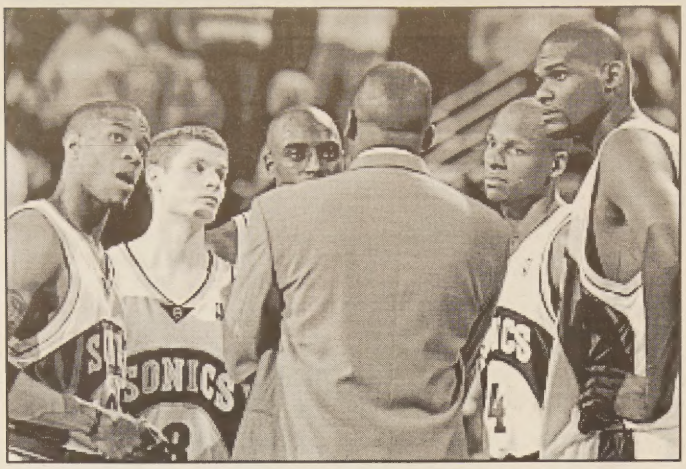

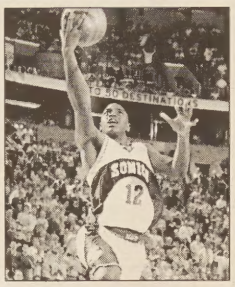

"I told Rashard before the game started, when I knew he wasn't playing, that I would go out there and give it my best effort for him," Sonic player Damien Wilkins said after the Seattle Sonics 101 to 89 series tying win over the San Antonio Spurs last Sunday. "He had told me, 'Be ready and just play as hard as you can; play aggressive at both ends.' That's what I tried to do. We were fortunate enough to come out as a team and execute at both ends the way we did and get a win." And with they did, the Seattle Sonics are in a full blow playoff series with the Spurs. After losing the first two games, the Sups found enough strength and will power to even things up at two games a piece. The Sonics went into last night's game looking to win three in a row against the reeling Spurs. "We can defend this team and we can score against this team," forward Nick Collision said after Sunday's game. "Every game is a game by it's self and the strategy is to win that particular game." Translation? The Sonics believe they can win two of the next three games against the Spurs. Game six is tomorrow in Seattle and if need be game seven will be Sunday in San Antonio. If the Sonics are to pull of the improbable they must produce a road victory. Sonic Guard Ray Allen knows that task will not be easy. "I'm happy that we won and everybody had a good performance, but we have to have that same performance in San Antonio. It's not that easy playing in someone else's building. We have to try to take full advantage of it. As long as we stay together and not worry about what's going in that building, or what their fans are doing. We have to beat this team; we're playing against the whole arena, but we have to beat those five guys on out there on the floor." The math is rather simply, the Sonics must win two of the next three games. Two of those games are in San Antonio. If you thing the task is improbable at best , remember the Spurs had a two game lead against the Los Angeles Lakers in last years playoffs and lost four in a row. Winning is a strange and evil monster. When you are winning the world is yours and all is well, dare you as a team to go on a losing streak and your find your self one heart beat away from a mental institution. No one knows that better than baseballs, New York Yankees. Eleven days ago the Bronx bombers were the laughing the stock of the league and Darth Vader as everyone like to call Yankee Owner George Steinbrenner issued this ultimatum to his team and coaching staff, "I am concerned, because time is getting shorter as each day goes by. We've got to get better, that's for sure. It's never too early. Pitching is my main concern." When you make a $200 million dollar payroll investment as Steinbrenner has done in the Yankees, satisfaction is a must. Steinbrenner must be feeling some of that satisfaction right now as his Yankees have won nine games in a row and find themselves just five games out of first place. Winnings breeds winning. The hope here is that the Seattle Mariners can find a little of the Mojo magic and bring down the evil empire and start a winning steak of their own. The 15 and 23 Mariners looked promising after winning two of three games against the Boston Red Sox. The euphoria was short lived as the Yankees beat Seattle 6-3 on a Bernie Williams Grand Slam home run. The question for the Mariners is the same one being asked of the San Antonio Spurs can you pick up the pieces move forward and regain lost momentum.

Mazvita Maraire / Sports Journalist

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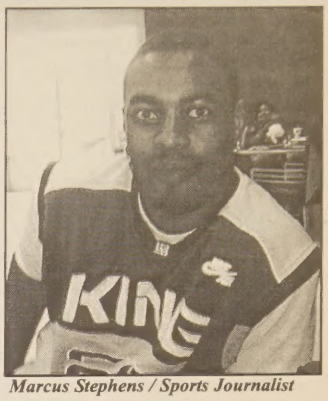

Marcus Stephens / Sports Journalist

What's up people? If you don't know me my name is Marcus Stephens. I'm from the Hill, born and raised. I'm a former athlete of many different sports. I graduated form Foss High School home the Falcons.

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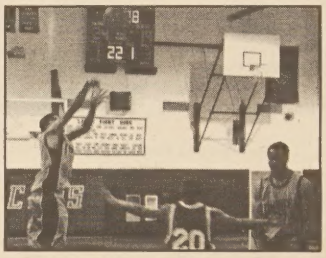
The games are fast paced, with a lot of dunks and three pointers. Last week Tacoma's point guard that stands about 5'10" dunked on a 6'11" center from Portland, my six year old son was at the game with me and he talked about that dunk for two day's. Admission is cheap only $8 for adults and $4 for kids, and the atmosphere is family friendly. So, I expect to see all you Steward Scott from Sportscenter wannabes at the game Saturday to make some noise for our Tacoma Thunder.



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It's been about eleven months since I last played the game I love(basketball). I haven't gone that long without balling since I got hit by a car in eighth grade and was on the shelf for two years with a compound fracture. Man, I couldn't even tie my right shoe. A few months ago I tried to jog around the block, I ran about half a block and almost started crying from the pain. I knew then It was time to go see my doctor.. The Doc told me I probably had a tear in my groin and scheduled me for therapy and a MRI. I was sent to NW Sports Therapy. NW Sports is located on the corner of 6th and MLK it was founded by Bruce Snell, trainer for the Tacoma Stars and the U.S. men's Soccer team. They've been in business for over ten years. Troy Lindstron and Craig Armstrong are the two trainers that I've been working with most. Troy is the Athletic trainer for Stadium High School and is a graduate from UPS. Troy started me off with some light stretches, heat, and ice treatment on my groin. After a few weeks of treatment I started feeling my leg getting better. Finally the results from my MRI came back and it was affirmative, I had tore my groin. Once Troy and Craig saw the MRI results they came up with a more exact plan to get me back on my feet. The last few weeks I've been working with Craig, a graduate from the University of Indiana who's been a trainer for seven years. Craig's been putting me through a lot of strenuous drills and stretches which I know are paying off, cause I can tie my right shoe and last week I went jogging for the first time in almost a year. The groin tear has been a terrible experience, something I wouldn't wish on anyone. But, it has been kind of fun hanging out with the gang at NW Sports laughing at Ellen Degeneres with Laura the (Clinic Manager) while receiving my treatment. The friendly and professional staff has made things a lot more bearable for me.

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Hourly pay range: $25.61 to $28.06
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Graduation from high school and,
- Four years' experience in building and maintenance repair in a multi-purpose facility

NOTE: City of Tacoma residency is required at time of appointment unless waived by the Civil Service Board. You do not need to be a resident in order to apply. There is no residency requirement for current City employees (permanent or probationary).
If you meet these qualifications, submit a completed City of Tacoma application form, Experience and Training Test form and detailed resume to the address listed on the:

City of Tacoma, Human Resources Department
747 Market Street, Room 1336
Tacoma, Washington, 98402

Your application materials must be received by **5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 18, 2005.** Applications received without the required Experience and Training Test form will not be considered.

Click here to download the Experience and Training Test Form
EXAMINATION PROCESS:
Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications will have their Experience and Training Test form scored by an evaluation committee. Each applicant's test will be evaluated on the basis of information provided on the form. It is the responsibility of the applicant to carefully list all pertinent experience and training. The information provided on this test will determine your ranking on the eligible list. Applicants must pass all portions of the examination process in order to be placed on the job eligible list for interview and hiring consideration.
HIRING REQUIREMENTS:
Individuals given a conditional offer of employment may be required to pass a background check and a pre-employment medical examination that may include a drug screening. A valid Washington State Driver's License is required at time of appointment with maintenance thereafter. New employees must successfully complete a nine-month probationary period prior to obtaining permanent status in this classification.
Questions regarding this announcement may be directed to the Human Resources Department at:
(253) 591-5400 before the last date to file.
Margith Baker 05-04-05; 5048-05-067

City of Tacoma, Washington
Job Announcement

CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT

A Customer Service Assistant performs duties including interviewing and assisting customers in person and by telephone regarding requests for service to be started or discontinued; respond to questions or complaints concerning billings, payments, deposits, credit extensions, rate schedules or changes and departmental policies and regulations; preparing and processing billings; receiving monies from the public and maintaining related records and files. Employees in this classification perform multiple tasks under a variety of conditions. Positions may be located at Tacoma Public Utilities, Public Works or Finance Departments.
Hourly pay range: $15.89 to $21.09 (2004 rates)
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
· High School graduation or equivalent
· Two years of customer service experience in a call center or customer service counter for a business or agency including experience interpreting, applying and explaining rates, codes and regulations
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EXAMINATION PROCESS:
Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications will be notified by mail of the time and location of the written examination. Applicants must pass the written examination in order to be placed on the eligible list for interview and hiring consideration.
HIRING REQUIREMENTS:
Individuals given a conditional offer of employment may be required to pass a background check and a pre-employment medical examination that may include a drug screening. New employees must successfully complete a nine-month probationary period prior to obtaining permanent status in this classification.
Questions regarding this announcement may be directed to the Human Resources Department at:
(253) 502-8855 before the last date to file.
Robert R. Paz 05-04-05; 0611-05-066

City of Tacoma is now accepting applications for Firefighter.

Applications will be accepted through **Thursday, June 30, 2005.**
You may download all the application materials and complete job information from the internet by accessing the City's website at www.cityoftacoma.org/jobs or you may contact the **Human Resources Department at 591-5400.** Information regarding the fire department can be obtained from the Tacoma Fire Department website at www.tacomafiredepartment.org

Lease Crutcher Lewis

Lincoln High School Renovation/Addition
Tacoma School District No. 10

Lease Crutcher Lewis, the General Contractor Construction Manager (GC.CM) for the Lincoln High School Renovation/Addition Project being constructed for the Tacoma School District, will be issuing bidding documents on May 12, 2005, for Bid Package 01, Abate Ceiling Tile.

Sealed bids will be received by Lease Crutcher Lewis at the Lease Crutcher Lewis Main Office at 107 Spring Street, Seattle, Washington, 98104-1952. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m. on May 26, 2005. No faxed bids will be accepted. No bids will be accepted after the bid opening time.

Bid Package 01 scope of work is the Summer 2005 Abatement Program at Lincoln High School that involves the removal and abatement of all asbestos containing ceiling tile mastic and associated asbestos containing ceiling tile.

Bid Documents can be obtained at Olympic Reprographics. Bidders must contract Olympic Reprographics before picking up bid packages at: Digital Vault, phone number 206-622-6000, fax number 206-343-1596, or email digital.vault@olyrepro.com. Subcontractors are responsible for the cost of reproduction of Bid Documents.

Bid Documents are available at the following Plan Rooms: Associated Sub-contractors in Tacoma, WA; Builders Exchange in Everett, WA: McGraw Hill Construction Plan in Seattle, WA; McGraw Hill Construction Plan in Bellevue, WA, and at the Lease Crutcher Lewis Main Office in Seattle, WA.

A mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held at the Lincoln High School main office at 2:30 PM on Thursday, May 19. Bid proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders in the bid package.

Lease Crutcher Lewis is an equal opportunity employer and encourages bidding by Minority and Woman Owned Business Enterprises.

Employment Opportunity
Library Assistant

The Tacoma Public Library is recruiting for the position of Library Assistant. Library Assistants perform moderately complex and routine library clerical operations requiring judgment based on established library policies and procedures. Duties include providing basic information to patrons of a non-reference nature , checking out library materials, discharging returned materials, registering patrons for library cards, and performing remittance duties, such as taking fines, running cash register totals, and counting receipts. Library Assistants have extensive public contact and must possess good interpersonal skills. Library Assistants perform duties that at times involve strenuous movements. The physical ability to reach, bend, stoop, squat, kneel, twist, turn and move materials ranging from 25 to 50 pounds is required on a daily basis.
Positions may be located in Public Services and/or Technical Services depending upon the needs of the Library. Work schedules will vary and include some evening and weekend work.
Hourly Pay Range: $13.11 to $15.95

Minimum Qualifications

· High school graduation or equivalent
· One year full-time experience performing public library work or related office, clerical or customer service work

How to Apply

Submit a City of Tacoma application **no later than , Friday, May 20, 2005** to:
City of Tacoma, Human Resources Department
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 1336
Tacoma, Washington 98402-3764
Application materials can be obtained by visiting our web site at www.cityoftacoma.org/jobs or by calling the Human Resources Department at (253) 591-5400.
Note: This position is covered by a Labor Agreement between the Tacoma Public Library and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees (AFSCME – Local 120-L). An employee in this classification will be required to meet membership requirements within 30 days of hire.

Selection Process

Written Test: (Weight 100%) Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications will be scheduled to appear for a written exam, which will be based on technical knowledge and skills related to the position.
Eligibility for Employment: Applicants must pass the written exam to be placed on the eligible list for hiring. Applicants must have a valid Washington State Driver's License with maintenance thereafter and U.S. citizenship or proof of eligibility to work in the U.S. at time of appointment. Hiring is subject to passing a pre-employment medical examination.

If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please call (253) 591-5400 before the last date to file.
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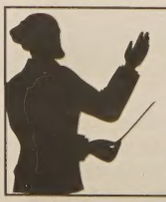

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"This Night Out" *with Betty Slater.*

Betty Slater - A&E Journalist

I am an actress, a poet, and I host an open Mic gospel poetry/ talent event called "The Message Cafe." I look forward to sharing the happenings around town regarding upcoming movies, plays, books, concerts, comedy etc. so that you will have a great time when you decide to pick a night and go out! Let me know what you have going on Tacoma! I'll share the experience right here in "This night out" with Betty Slater. If an event has anything to do with the arts & entertainment, more than likely.
I'll see you out!

~ *Spring Fling II*

~Spring has sprung and the High 12 Social Club of Lakewood ushered it in on Friday night, May 13th, in high style with Spring Fling II. The spot.....Charles D. Lancaster Hall 4814 108th St SW Lakewood, WA 98498. I didn't make it to last years' Spring Fling, but I would dare say, "surely" it could not have held a candle to Spring Fling II. Of course you want your events to get better each time around, and from my point of view folks were really enjoying the food, (a $5 plate; included macaroni & cheese, collard greens, cornbread, and fried chicken) the music, and the all around fun of spending a Friday night out with friends & family. Special out of town guests, whom were lovingly called, The Boys from Philly flew into town Thursday night, to be a part of Spring Fling II. This; I was told is an annual trek to the Lakewood/Tacoma area for these gentlemen. Can anything good come out of Lakewood, one might ask? My vote.....Yes it can! Watch for flyers announcing the next High 12 Social Club sponsored event. If you put on your calendar, more than likely, I'll see you out! ~Betty Slater A&E Journalist If an event has anything to do with the arts & entertainment, more than likely I'll see you out.

Tacoma Briefs.....

The Tacoma-Pierce County Black Collective, Washington Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, Washington Correctional Association, and the Department of Corrections, welcomed Harold W. Clarke- the new Secretary of the Department of Corrections. The reception was held at the Tacoma Club on May 12th. Mr. Clarke comes well qualified for his position. His career in corrections began in July 1974, he has held several positions within corrections. He was been the Director of Nebraska Department of Correctional services. Mr.Lyle Quasim was the Master of Ceremonies, who kept the program moving and meaningful. Mr. Clarke's involvements are many, serving on several Boards and Correctional Associations. He has spoken on Criminal Justice issues Locally and Nationally. He speaks Spanish and English, Mr.Clarke is married, has two children and two grandchildren.

There was standing room only at the reception, Community Leaders, Ministries, Council Members, and Correctional Personnel came out to enforce to Welcome, Mr. Harold W. Clarke!

The Wilberforce University Choir, from Wilberforce Ohio was in Concert on Saturday May 14th, at Allen AME Church. The Choir gave an awesome and inspiring Concert. Their repertoire was varied, that included, a cappella hymns, Praise songs, and old fashion Gospel. The Soloists were excellent! The audience clapped and gave praise for the fine singing. The Conductor was, Mr. Jeremy Winston, and the accompanist was Mr.Edmond Charles.

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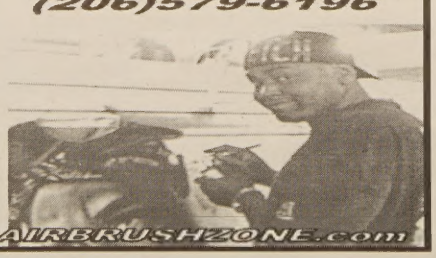

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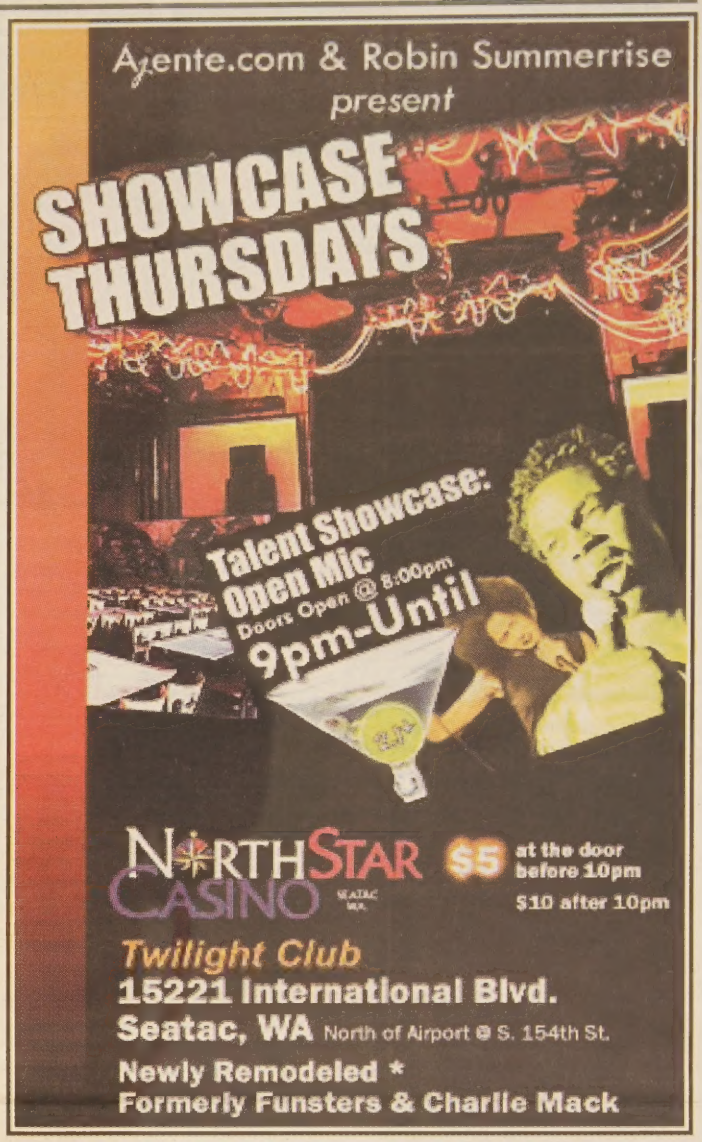
The Party With The Army

On Friday, May 13th, The Salvation Army held their annual Housing Fair. This is a free community event that served free barbeque, free haircuts, clothes, furniture, and food to giveaway, entertainment, and lots of information on all the social services available in our city. I was lucky to be able to attend this important event. The Salvation Army has been around the city of Tacoma for an amazing 125 years. The event was planned in part by Piccola Davis. This event featured booths and tables that had information on all the social service agencies in our city. This event is aimed at making families more self-sufficient. On top of all that great information, food, entertainment, and giveaways; there was also landlords present at the fair. These were landlords who had affordable decent rentals. These landlords were sympathetic to the plight of needy families and they were there to promote their affordable fairly priced rentals.

The hilarious master of ceremonies was Mike Wilson who is the Shelter Director for The Salvation Army. Mike had a microphone in his hand all day, interviewing participants and agencies. He was keeping the mood light and fun with lots of jokes that kept people laughing. There was a whopping 600 people that attended the Housing Fair. One of the most important aspects of the fair was the free medical, health, and mental health advice that were provided at the Fair. There were also hygiene kits that were passed out to anyone that wanted one. Some of the most notable agencies involved were the Department of Social Health Services (D.S.H.S.), the Health Department, and South Sound Outreach Services. Education was also represented at the fair. I talked with Rev. Bob Penton from the Maxine Mimms Academy. This is a school for suspended and expelled middle school students. It primarily serves the Tacoma Public School District. The school is small and it usually only holds about 12 students. Right now there is currently a waiting list to get into the school. The Academy was there to share information with parents in case they had suspended or expelled children from school. The Rev. told us that the Academy is a frequent collaborator with the Salvation Army. The School is located at 1937 South G Street in Tacoma in the Oasis of Hope building. The school is in its first year. Dr. Mimms also founded the Tacoma branch of the Evergreen State College. On top of all the great information and giveaways, there was still room for entertainment. Erica Witherspoon Walker blessed the crowd by beautifully singing "Amazing Grace." She was their representing Sunrise Daycare and Preschool. Sunrise offers free preschool and a therapeutic childcare program. Sunrise has been open for 25 years. Michelle Charles is the director and Glenda Witherspoon is the executive director and founder. It was a great day for a fair, the weather was excellent. The Salvation Army does amazing work and anyone interested in helping or volunteering with The Salvation Army should not hesitate.

Josh Reisberg - Journalist



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